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St. John the
Evangelist,
Jackson, Michigan
*Allen Q265 with
Vista*

First United
Methodist Church,
Farmington,
Michigan
*Allen Q325 with
Vista*

St. Josephs
Catholic Church,
Dexter, Michigan
*Allen Q385 with
Vista*

St. James Catholic
Church, Novi,
Michigan
Allen C-3a

St. John the Evangelist in Jackson, Michigan, chooses an Allen Q265

In June 2005, discussion began at St. John the Evangelist regarding the failing 17-rank pipe organ (installed in the early 1920s by combining portions of several used, theatre pipe organs). It had become costly "just to keep it playing." Often the piano had to be used for weekend services. After a year of research it was decided that the cost of replacing or rebuilding the pipe organ couldn't be justified.



St. John the Evangelist
Jackson, MI

One of the St. John's organists suggested that the church consider an Allen digital organ. Over the years he had played for several churches that had Allen installations, as well as having his own Allen organ at home for practice. Members of the organ committee met with the sales



representative from Evola Music in Canton, Michigan, to discuss their needs and expectations.

A field trip to hear several nearby Allen installations was arranged. After hearing the new Allen instruments and learning that the Allen console could also control the pipe organ - if financial resources ever became available to rebuild portions of the pipe organ - it was decided that a new Allen organ would be a wise move for the parish. St. John has retained the pipe work, knowing that the Allen console could operate the pipes sometime in the future, if desired.

Since the organ's installation many positive comments have been made about its performance. Parishioners especially enjoy the Festival Trumpet stop and the versatility of Quad Suite™ voicing and EAC™ (Expanded Audio Capabilities).



Lance Luce conducts pipe interface seminar

Lance Luce held a pipe interface seminar recently at SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Detroit where they have an Allen 3 manual console interfaced to their Reuter pipe organ. Johnny Kash, the church's organist and Music Director was the host for the event. There were 7 churches represented at the seminar, indicating that replacing an aging pipe organ console with a new, modern, digital console with added features is becoming a topic of great interest. Donna Shinn, the Allen Organ Department Executive Assistant "organized" the event that included a light lunch and refreshments.

Pierre Fracalanza decides on an Allen C-3a for the chapel at St. James Catholic Church in Novi, MI

Pierre Fracalanza has been the Music Director/Organist at St. James since 1995. He actually began playing piano and organ at the age of three and was playing in Catholic churches by the time he was ten years old. His first music

Pierre”, because even though it sounded like an entire orchestra was backing him up at the piano, it was all him ! He scores the parts for his choirs at the church each week using music scoring software on his computer.



Allen C3a organ at St. James Catholic Church, Novi, Michigan

Pierre Fracalanza, Organist and Music Director of St. James Parish in Novi, Michigan
Lance Luce, Manager of the Allen Organ Department, Evola Music, Canton, MI

director position was at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Port Huron, at the age of sixteen. Pierre attended the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. He also has many notable accomplishments as an area entertainer. He's been an opening act for Carol Channing at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts. Pierre oversees the adult choir, handbell choir, folk choir and the liturgy at all weekend Masses at St. James.

Pierre is a gifted musician with both keyboard as well as vocal talents. He plays “by ear” as well as written music, has perfect pitch, and can transpose almost any song into almost any key! His music flows smoothly and effortlessly from his fingers. He has a repertoire of thousands of songs, and is equally at home on the organ as he is on the piano. He studied classical music while at Eastman, but got most of his “Church Music” training from his late father, Romeo Fracalanza, long time organ professor and church organist in the Port Huron area.

Pierre has done it all. He has played the organ at Theatre Organ Pipes and Pizza in Auburn Hills, and played the organ and piano for the televised Church of Today, in Warren, Michigan. In the early 1990's, Pierre made a CD of popular music using an acoustic piano, his voice, and layer upon layer of MIDI digital instruments. This recording was called “Just

The Allen C3a organ that Pierre picked for the chapel at St. James is a perfect choice for the room. The organ has a self contained speaker system that is ideally suited to produce plenty of sound for the small sized space. The Virtual Acoustics were adjusted to give just a little “ring” to the sound. Even though the chapel has hard walls and floor, the added reverb increases the size of the room to your ears.

One of the requirements that Pierre had for the organ was that it have the wood keyboards that Allen Organ Co. is famous for. The C3a was the smallest model that had the wood keys with sealed magnetic reed switch keying. These keyboards give a very solid feel to the organist, as well as extremely reliable keying for decades of trouble-free use. He chose to add the lighted music rack and lighted pedalboard option.

In a letter from Pierre to Jim Evola, Owner of Evola Music, Pierre says, “I wanted to thank Evola Music for providing such a pleasurable experience to me. Every step of my experience, from Lance's initial assessment and consultation, Donna's (Lance's administrative assistant) prompt response and first quality delivery and installation were perfectly executed. I am proud, as a steward of my congregation, to have selected such a long-lasting and reliable instrument from such a trusted and reliable dealer.”

MIDI seminar details

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009
Time: 1:00 pm to approximately 2:30 pm
Place: Recital Hall of the Evola Music Store
7170 Haggerty Road
Canton, MI 48187
Cost: Free Admission
RSVP: Please RSVP to Donna Shinn at (734) 455-4677

Topics to be covered:

- What is MIDI? What can it do?
- Adding MIDI sounds to an organ registration
- Saving a MIDI sound to an organ preset
- Recording a song
- Saving a song
- Playing back a song
- Bring your questions with you

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First Church of
Christ, Scientist,
Birmingham,
Michigan
Allen QL310

St. Mary Catholic
Church, Chelsea,
Michigan
*Allen R355 with
Vista*

St. Louise Catholic
Church, Warren,
Michigan
*Allen Q345 with
Vista*

Hillsdale Free
Methodist
Church, Hillsdale,
Michigan
*Allen C8 with
Vista*

St. John Retreat
Center, Plymouth,
Michigan
Allen C3a

St. Joseph Parish in Dexter, Michigan gets a new Allen Q385 . . And a new church

No, we don't build church's :) but we make them sound great !!! Tony Sievert is the organist and Music Director for St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter, Michigan. They recently built a totally new church, equipped with a totally new organ. The Allen Quantum 385 with MIDI Vista unit. Tony chose the Allen with the MIDI Vista option for several reasons, especially it's sound.

The organ is majestic enough to fill the new sanctuary. It has many "options" including Walnut Drawknobs and rocker tabs, as well as an adjustable music rack, adjustable height bench, walnut sharps, just to name a few.



This organ is a "Heritage" model, which simply means that it is the top of the line in the Allen Quantum series.



Many church musicians are being asked to use the organ to create a wide variety of musical style these days. Many of them have turned to the capabilities of the Allen organ with MIDI Vista help them accomplish this task with ease.

The Allen Organ Company builds organs that can provide traditional organ music as well as contemporary musical styles, to keep pace with today's church music needs. Congratulations to Tony Sievert and all the folks at St. Joseph Parish !

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham, Michigan chooses an Allen QL310 to replace pipe organ

There is a very old Austin pipe organ at First Church of Christ, Scientist in Birmingham, Michigan. It was partially re-leathered some years ago, and the church was considering if they should re-leather the rest. A committee was formed to investigate all of their options. Bids were obtained from several sources, including some local pipe organ companies, even the pipe organ company that had done the first phase years ago.



The committee also looked at several digital organs as possible alternatives to the expensive re-leathering. The committee decided that re-leathering their instrument would make it more reliable, but would do nothing to improve the sound or give them any of the modern features found on many organs today.

The Allen organ was chosen for many reasons, not the least of which was its build quality. There were engineers on the committee that liked looking in the inside of the console as much as the musicians liked looking at the stops. Allen is committed to being able to supply parts indefinitely for all of their organs, no matter what the vintage. Also, Allen builds all of it's own sub-assemblies in their factory. The organs are truly "made in the USA." The organ speakers are hidden amongst the pipes. The organ sounds great in this mostly dry sounding room, especially because of the virtual acoustics feature.

The Allen organ was chosen for



Allen QL310 at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham, Michigan

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Rodgers 330, three manual, moving drawknob, wooden keys, with 5 external speakers \$8,000
Rodgers 810, two manual, lighted tabs with 5 external speakers \$6,000
Rodgers 825, two manual, lighted drawknobs with 5 external speakers \$6,000

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Allen Q265c in stock special

This is a new organ that was purchased for stock in a walnut finish with the Allen Vista Midi system. It has optical sensing keyboards (no contacts whatsoever) and Expanded Audio Capabilities (EAC.) The Q265c is a two manual, moving drawknob organ, with a 5 channel audio system. It contains 6 suites of organ voices including American Classic, English Cathedral, Cavaille-Coll, Schlicker, Arp Schnitger and Orchestral.